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the pointing input device outputting pointing position data detected by the optical touch panel when the electric signal is outputted from the piezoelectric substrate and the push against the transparent protective plate is judged while the optical touch panel is detecting the pointing input.

3. (Currently amended) A pointing input device comprising:
a display panel for displaying any pointing input information on a display area thereof;
a transparent protective plate laminated on the display area of the display panel;
a piezoelectric substrate attached to the transparent protective plate, for converting
deformation caused by a push against the transparent protective plate into an electric signal and
outputting the electric signal; and
an optical touch panel disposed on the transparent protective plate, for emitting light beams
for reticulately scanning an input operation area of the optical touch panel along orthogonal X and
Y directions to detect a pointing input and a pointing input position in the input operation area when
the light beams are intercepted by the pointing input, a display area of the input operation area being
visible through the transparent protective plate;
the pointing input device outputting pointing position data indicating the pointing input
position, while the optical touch panel detects the pointing input,
the pointing input device outputting push detection data together with the pointing position
data, when the electric signal is outputted from the piezoelectric substrate and the push against the
transparent protective plate is judged while the optical touch panel is detecting the pointing input;
The pointing input device according to claim 1, wherein the piezoelectric substrate
comprises a pair of piezoelectric substrates of narrow and elongated shape, and the piezoelectric
substrates are attached to the transparent protective plate and are orthogonal to each other.

4. (Currently amended) A pointing input device comprising:
a display panel for displaying any pointing input information on a display area thereof;

6. (New) The pointing input device according to claim 2, wherein the push against the transparent protective plate is judged only when the optical touch panel is detecting the pointing input and the piezoelectric substrate is detecting the push detection data.